

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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REMARKS

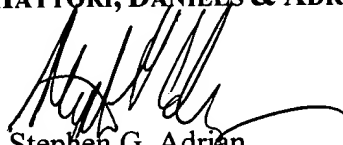
Claims 37 – 39 are canceled by the present amendment. As such, the application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that any further action would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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